

By Capt. M. H. MACNAMARA, 9th Mass.

One day, while at Sharpsburg, a num-ber of us were scated around a large log fire in an adjoining camp to that of ours, sembled party knew this better than our-

very good, but absence of body is betcame the subject matter of conversation; and one of the party, a large, fat, jolly Captain, noted for telling "whopping big stories," remarked that he exhibited that

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY.

"How? let's hear it. Captain," queried the party, with a great deal of interest. The fat Captain puffed forth an immense volume of smoke, and, settling himself more comfortably on his "hardtack" box, proceeded to unburden himself to the fol-

valuable faculty in a most wonderful

"You may know, boys, that I trapped and hunted for a considerable time in the Canadas; and a most exciting life I led, I tell you. Many a time I've camped out on the snowy hills, with nothing but a heavy coat of buffalo skin for extra covering, making myself as comfortable as I could in a log but of my own construction, living principally on dried meats—trapping, killing foxes, and other animals I could find, and now and then capturing a bear, whose skins at that time were very valuable. Well, one morn-ing I got up pretty early, and started out ing I got up pretty early, and started out to look at my traps. I left my rifle behind me, and with my snow-shoes on, hurried as rapidly as I could over the snow-covered hills. The morning was very cold, and my mulller was closely wrapped around my head, almost covering my area and obstruction my rision. my eyes, and obstructing my vision. I had walked about a mile, and had just reached an immense shelf of rock, forming a precipice several hundred feet deep, when I heard a deep growl, and, turning about, beheld a huge black bear within a few feet of me. I tell you, boys, I was rather astonished, and somewhat skeered. Before I could make up my mind what to do the bear leaped upon me; and the first thing I knew distinctly was that I was clinging on the edge of the rock, and hanging over the frightful precipice. Boys, I tell you it was a fearful predicament for a man of my rotundity, and I

ment for a man of my rotundity, and I thought I was 'gone up.'"
"Gone up!" cried one of the listeners;
"gone down, you mean."
"Hush, Sammy," quoth the Captain, reprovingly; "you don't understand these things. Well, as I was saying, I thought I was gone up. However, I made up my mind to home on as long as I could when

in the United States, these great bargains-soon to be withdrawn-

and the guessing contest, would

easily secure subscribers.

fire in an adjoining camp to that of ours, sembled party knew this better than ourselves; and conversing on a variety of subjects. Similarly one of the party related Jerrold's selves; and as he was one of the Captain's Lieutenants, he was continually bit of humor on "Presence of Mind."

Said he: "The subject arose in Jerrold's presence as to the value of that faculty, and someone said, 'Yes, it was very valuable, especially when attacked by a mad buil or dog.' 'Ay,' returned Jerrold, in that case presence of mind is very good, but alseence of body is better than ourselves; and as he was one of the Captain's Lieutenants, he was continually bored with the tremendous yarns he used to tell; therefore, he determined to put a stop to them in some way. He arranged a plan, and, strange to say, was remarkably successful.

THE LIEUTENANT'S LITTLE JOKE.

The way of it was this: the uncontrollable laughter of the crowd and brought him soon to his senses. He looked ground, saw Dick sitting on the hed, boasting the ownership of two legs.

A light broke in upon him; he jumped THE LIEUTENANT'S LITTLE JOKE.

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The Lieutenant bowed and passed out.

"A very curious case, indeed," muttered the doctor, as he resumed his pill and quinine operations. In about two seemed to ensure us with vigor, so that hours his patient again presented himself, showed his hand, and the doctor found it was all right.

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beheld the victimized Captain in a state



mingled with smothered laughter, rang

out upon the night air, calling everyone from their beds to the tent, where they

"Pull again," urged Dick. Another pull, and another; the sweat standing in great drops on the fat man's brow.
"How is it now, Dick."
"Yes, I know it is, Doctor, but it has been cured for a time, and I think can be cured again."
This time the Captain gave a tremendous jerk. The leg gave way, and the fat servant of Uncle Sam was flung upon his lambs. "One regiment—in fact, the whole army greater portion of our way was along a deep valley, through high, shelving rocks, which towered on either side, boldly standing out in strong relief against the sky, massive and jagged—while here and there are a shrub or stunded tree peeped out, vant of Uncle Sam was flung upon his lambs." "Doctor—," was the reply.
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The sharp, clear air, and the exhilarat-"What did he prescribe?" continued the doctor.
"Brandy," moaned the patient, to smother his desire to laugh.
"Brandy! Well, that's curious! How soon does it operate?"
"Sometimes in an hour, sometimes in two; generally in an hour."
The doctor let go his hold of the hand, and sping to a large black battle, noured in the single property of the sharp, clear air, and the exhilarating influence of the varied associations, seemed to inspire our lads with extraordinary alertheses; quickly we stepped forward over the rocky road, passed narrow streams at a bound, and, merrily trudging along, reached Maryland Highis about midnight, unrelled our blankets, and composed ourselves to sleep.

dead limb lying before him.

He was incapable of speech or motion.

He had, as he imagined, destroyed his beloved comrade, and his extremity was such that the valuable faculty, "presence of mind," which he boasted he possessed to such a remarkable degree, had entirely deserted him; but the roars of Dick and the valuable faculty was moving away, when the doctor was lingering in loving dalliance with the beautiful Aurora, our reginfent was on the move. The morning was surrenely beautiful aurorated by the valuable levels of the was surely and was noving away. The morning was squrenely beautiful aurorated by the value of the tiful; a light wind was blowing from the The Lieutenant bowed and passed out, west, and the clear air, impregnated with

ceased" limb, holding it with the right hand under the scrutiny of the doctor. The officer wore one of the heavy military coats with wide sleeves, which he kept closed together with his hand. The doctor took hold of the arm, and started with astonishment when he fe't how cold it was.

"Why," said he, "it's heavy as lead and white as wax! Your hand Lieutenant, appears to be completely dead;" and

The next morning we resumed our march, and in the afternoon reached a place called Snicker's Gap, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and, establishing our selves, remained there for four days, extension that the county would endeavor solemnly monogneed that all the chickens

Ridge Mountains, and, establishing our selves, remained there for four days, expecting that the enemy would endeavor to force the passage of the Gap. This movement, however, was not attempted; owing, we suppose, to the large force upon the north side, where a considerable part of the Army of the Potomac was in a position. The progress of the rebeis having made the defense of the Gap of little or no importance, we prepared to move; and started on the morning of Nov. G, and after wearily murching for about three days, we arrived at Warrenton, Va., where we encamped on Nov. 10, 1862.

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The Boy Spy in Dixie. Si Klegg and Shorty.



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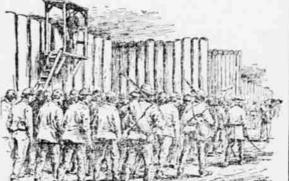
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